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NEWS RELEASE: MINERAL KING PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Archival material including maps, photographs and taped interviews on the history of Mineral King is being sought by the Mineral King Preservation Society, a non-profit support group, to assist the National Park Service and Sequoia National Park in historical research and resource management of the Mineral King Valley.

The Mineral King Preservation Society, organized in 1986, is dedicated to the preservation of the Mineral King Historical District.

The society lists nine directors on its board: Mrs. Ora Kay Peterson, William A. Martin and Stoney Savage of Visalia; R. James Barton and Michael W. Botkin of Three Rivers; Mrs. Jean Koch of Los Angeles; Donald R. Pinkham of Exeter; Earl Meyer of Tucson, Arizona and David A. Cairns of Lemon Cove.

The society has employed a historian, John F. Elliott of Costa Mesa. Merl Ledford, III of Visalia is legal counsel.

The sites of the Empire Mine, White Chief Mine, the New England Tunnel and Smelting Company and the Mineral King Road are currently being evaluated for the inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Information on these places is being sought by the society.

Membership is open to the public and presently includes cabin lessees, history buffs, naturalists and others from all walks of life who are interested in Mineral King.

Mrs. Peterson, a director, said the society is planning to publish a seasonal newsletter outlining scheduled activities and newsworthy items relating to the history of Mineral King.

Anyone having documents, historical material or photographs, or who would like information about membership may contact:

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